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SUBJ: REPORTS OF ISRAELI DESTRUCTION OF SOUTH LEBANESE  
PROPERTIES

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1. IN RECENT DAYS, BEIRUT PRESS HAS CARRIED TWO DISTINCT  
REPORTS OF ISRAELI DESTRUCTION OF BUILT-UP AREAS IN SOUTH  
LEBANON, SINCE OCCUPATION AND UNRELATED TO ORIGINAL INVASION.  
WE HAVE ALSO GOTTEN SOME DIRECT EYEWITNESS CONFIRMATION.

2. L'ORIENT-LE JOUR OF APRIL 15 REPORTS THAT IN EVACUATING  
VILLAGE OF MAZRAAT FAROUN (NORTH OF GHANDOURIYYA, ON ROAD  
TO QA'QA'IYAT BRIDGE), "THE ISRAELIS CONTINUED, USING  
CONSIDERABLE EXPLOSIVES, TO BUILD A STRATEGIC ROAD AND TO  
CONSTRUCT FORTIFICATIONS."

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3. SECOND REPORT, BASED ON UPI DISPATCH, WAS CARRIED  
IN AN NAHAR AND AS SAFIR ON APRIL 17 AND IN L'ORIENT-LE JOUR  
APRIL 18. CITING EYEWITNESSES, REPORTS SAID THAT ISRAELIS,  
PRIOR TO WITHDRAWING FROM VILLAGE OF KHRAYBEH (IN CENTRAL  
SECTOR MIDWAY BETWEEN KHIAM AND RACHAYA AL FUKHAR), COMPLETELY  
DESTROYED VILLAGE, BULLDOZING INTO OBLIVION SOME TWENTY

HOUSES AND A CHURCH. FORMER INHABITANTS OF VILLAGE SAID THEY WERE UNABLE TO LOCATE IT ANY MORE. WE UNDERSTAND FROM UPI HERE THAT JOURNALIST IS HIMSELF FROM HASBAYA AND KNOWS AREA WELL.

4. REFTTEL REPORTS SWEDISH UNIFIL OFFICER'S ACCOUNT OF SUBSTANTIAL DESTRUCTION CAUSED BY WHAT ISRAELIS THEMSELVES CALL "LANDSCAPING."

5. UPI AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT TELLS US HE OBSERVED THAT ISRAELIS HAD FLATTENED AREA OF ORANGE GROVES FOR SEVERAL HUNDRED YARDS AROUND ISRAELI OBSERVATION POST AT RAS AL AYN, SOUTH OF TYRE.

6. COMMENT: TO THE EXTENT THAT STORIES ARE TRUE -- WHICH WE CANNOT NOW VERIFY -- IT APPEARS THAT ISRAELIS PRIOR TO THEIR WITHDRAWALS IN SOUTH LEBANON ARE NOT HESITATING TO ADD FURTHER TO DESTRUCTION ALREADY CAUSED BY INVASION OF LEBANESE PROPERTY, FOR SAKE OF HYPOTHETICAL FUTURE ISRAELI MILITARY ADVANTAGE.

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